

**RESOLUTION  
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
FOR THE YEAR 2020, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS  
LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, ET SEQ.)**

**R-126-20**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR FORECLOSURE MATTERS AND BANKRUPTCY in the Township of Franklin for the purposes of providing the Township Committee of said Township with legal counsel and advise in certain specialized matters; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Township Committee has determined to award said contract as a fair and open contract; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are or will be available for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires the governing body of a contracting unit to publish a notice in a newspaper authorized by law to publish its legal advertisements, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract where such contract is awarded for "professional services".

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That KEITH BONCHI, ESQ., and the Law Firm of GMS LAW, are hereby retained as SPECIAL COUNSEL for the Township of Franklin, to provide counsel, advice and legal services to the officials of said Township for the year 2020.

2. The appropriate officers of the Township of Franklin are hereby authorized to enter into the contract with KEITH BONCHI, ESQ., and the Law Firm of GMS LAW for the legal services above specified, for a term of one year as attached hereto for the year 2020.

3. The contract is awarded as a "professional service" under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because of the specialized training, education, experience and specialized knowledge needed for this position and pursuant to a "fair and open" process as provided in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

4. A notice of the award of this contract shall forthwith be printed once in The South Jersey Times, an official newspaper of the Township of Franklin, authorized by law to publish the legal advertisements of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and further stating that this resolution and the annexed contract are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Franklin.

ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on September 8, 2020.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

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BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK

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JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Franklin Township Committee held on September 8, 2020.

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BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN AND KEITH BONCHI, ESQ.UIRE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin, hereinafter referred to as "Township", requires the services of a special counsel for Bankruptcy and certain *in rem* foreclosure matters, for the calendar year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, KEITH BONCHI, ESQ.UIRE, and the Law Firm of GMS LAW, LLP of 660 New Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Northfield NJ 08225 hereinafter referred to as "Special Counsel" is a licensed attorney in the State of New Jersey and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has agreed to accept the appointment of the Township for the performance of the duties of special counsel for Bankruptcy and certain *in rem* foreclosure matters subject to the following terms and conditions:

**WITNESSETH:**

1. The Special Counsel shall be appointed to represent the Township for a term of one (1) year, commencing September 8, 2020, and shall perform all duties required of a special bankruptcy/ *in rem* foreclosure representative of the Township.

2. During the term of this Agreement, the Special Counsel shall devote his best efforts to advance the interest of the Township; he shall perform his duties to the best of his ability and in accordance with the Code of Professional Ethics by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

3. Payment for services rendered by the Special Counsel shall be on the basis of statements rendered from time to time for services performed and advice rendered in the amount of \$200.00 per hour for special counsel and \$500.00 per tax sale certificate plus costs.

4. The Special Counsel shall also be entitled to be reimbursed for toll, telephone calls, photo static copying expenses, travel expenses, docket retrieval costs and court costs, all of which may be billed to the Township on appropriate vouchers and reimbursed upon approval to the Special Counsel.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

**GMS LAW, LLP**

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

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KEITH BONCHI, ESQ.UIRE

BY:\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN BRUNO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BARBARA FREIJOMIL, CLERK